IN THE CLAIMS:

Change the following Claims to read as follows:

- 3. Assembly as in Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the annular piston (11) is provided with loosely sliding rings (28) that match its inner or outer circumference.
- 5. Assembly as in <u>Claim 1</u> one or more of <u>Claims 1</u> through 4, characterized in that the bases of the subsidiary housing (10) are provided with central openings that allow it to be slid over the thinner section (9) of the piston rod (2.